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- 1. My name is magaly medeiros, biologist and Master of Development and Environment.
- 2. I am the President-Director of the Institute for Climate Change and Regulation of Environmental Services and member of the Global Committee for Indigenous Peoples.
- 3. I've worked since 1990 for the sustainable development of the Government of Acre, in the Program for the Conservation of Tropical Forests.
- 4. The State of Acre leads the most advanced program of carbon reduction and conservation of tropical forests and has inspired other subnational states of the Amazon.
- 5. I am responsible for the Technical Coordination of the Environmental Services Incentive System (SISA) created in 2010, which includes a Carbon Emission Reduction Program.
- 6. The participation and representation of social, technical and scientific groups, indigenous and local community leaderships and organized civil society organizations was the basis of Acre's success.
- 7. Prior Informed Consent was applied at all stages of the process as an important safeguard, especially in relation to the protection of the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities.
- 8. The development of the Accelerated Carbon Reduction and Forest Conservation Program Standard complied with all socio-environmental safeguards steps, including monitoring indicators and a Self-Assessment Report.
- 9. The Acre Standard is governed by a Commission that decides on the distribution of benefits, with representatives of civil society, indigenous and women's chambers.
- 10. The Acre Program has promoted social, environmental and economic benefits in the face of climate change mitigation strategies.
- 11. With this system implemented, 80% of the resources from avoided deforestation benefited thousands of indigenous peoples, local communities and family farmers
- 12. This Acre initiative has motivated other subnational governments to develop their strategies for reducing greenhouse gases.
- 13. Congratulations to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for developing such a high quality Standard and for collaborating in the conservation of tropical forests.